

Bassetlaw & District Cricket League

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club
Tuesday 9th January 2007

1. Apologies for absence

Messrs. C. Adwick, D Graney, G Evans, S Brown, T Haywood and C Drury

2. Present:

Messrs. J Garton, G France, P Neale, M Daniels, A Vollans, B Norris, G Pym, J Heaman, J Leaning, G Jones, K Board, M Smedley, R Martin, B Wilson.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

This meeting was held on the 14th November 2006. The Minutes were passed and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

4.1

The process of how umpires fees should be reviewed and amended in future years was discussed

DECISION: That the MC in conjunction with the Umpires Association is best placed to make this decision, without the need to make a referral to every AGM. Therefore a proposed amendment to the League Rules would be submitted by the MC at the next AGM in November 07, to take account of this.

4.2

The Secretary circulated a policy document on the use of websites, which had been originally generated by the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board. The document was intended to give clubs guidance and support on how their own websites should be used, to avoid individuals abusing the facility by publishing inappropriate comments, and therefore bringing the game or their club into disrepute.

DECISION: The Secretary was asked to circulate the guidance document to clubs within the League, with a covering letter.

4.3

Following the decision of the MC to allow Duckmanton Lodge to play at Youlgrave in 2007, the AGM received notification of their subsequent withdrawal from the Bassetlaw & District Cricket League, which had caused the MC to review the constitution of the Divisions.

DECISION: To reduce the League to 9 Divisions with there being 12 teams in Divisions 1 to 8 inclusive and 13 teams in Division 9.

Bev Norris was in the process of producing the 2007 fixtures to reflect this new structure. All clubs had been informed by the Secretary of the new League Constitution.

4.4

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had been in contact with last years statistician, Andy Duckering on a number of occasions to resolve any club averages which had not yet been submitted and also to collect the statistical information on the 2006 individual prize winners. This information was anticipated to be e mailed to the Secretary within the next 7 days.

DECISION: This was for information and updating of the MC.

5. **Correspondence**

5.1

A letter from the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board, documented the nomination of Richard Martin from the MC for the position of Chairman of the Recreational Council. A further nomination was required from the MC for the BDCL representative on the same Council, which last year had been Mike Smedley. The Secretary also summarised the closure of the Nottinghamshire Fixture Bureau which was to be replaced with an IT related process in the form of WWW.

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DECISION: It was proposed and agreed that Mike Smedley would continue to be the BDCL representative on the Recreational Council.

5.2

A letter from Peter McKenzie, Secretary of the Umpires Association related to the issue at 4.1, and asked for clarification on the position.

DECISION: As recorded at 4.1

5.3

An ECB document relating to '**junior cricketers playing in adult matches**' had been received and previously circulated. The content gave clubs and leagues guidance concerning the wearing of helmets and faceguards in matches and related parental consent, fielding regulations, the involvement of umpires, parental consent for Under 13's, and players under 11 years. These issues were to be implemented for the start of the 2007 season. The meeting discussed the content.

DECISION: John Heaman was asked to report back to the February meeting of the MC, following an impending meeting of the Umpires Association. Once the feelings of the Umpires meeting was known, a decision on how the format and content of the ECB document should be promulgated to clubs and umpires would be taken.

5.4

A letter dated the 20th November 06 was received from the Secretary of Duckmanton Lodge outlining their withdrawal from the BDCL, as discussed at 4.3.

DECISION: That this club should be fined the current years subscription for resignation from the League, in accordance with League Rule 1.1(v)

5.5

An e mail from David Plant of Holmewood CC outlined his views on the 'play-cricket' website and its apparent lack of information and content which potentially reflected poorly upon the League. He did in fact offer to administer the site and keep the information, results and tables updated, to allow the League a website facility.

DECISION: The Secretary should contact David Plant and encourage him to take on the administration of the website on behalf of the League, and begin the process of improvement.

5.6

An e mail had been received from Anston Cricket Club via Alan Vollans, which expressed concern in relation to the Divisions in which the 3rd and 4th teams of Anston Cricket Club found themselves, following the re-structure of the League. In essence, this club felt that these teams had been given promotion to a higher league which created difficulty in terms of not being able to compete at a level which they had not yet achieved with predominantly their very young players making up the teams.

DECISION: The chairman and Bev Norris explained the processes involving the 3rd and 4th teams of the Anston Cricket Club and how/when the respective changes occurred. They would however remain in their respective Divisions in keeping with the 2007 League Constitution.

5.7

An e mail from Holmewood Miners Welfare CC and Oaklands CC informed the League of the respective changes to the name of these clubs:

Update to: Holmewood CC
 East Drayton CC

DECISION: For information only

5.8

The draw for the League Cricket Conference 'Cedric Rhodes Cup' 2007 had been completed and published. The BDCL had been drawn at home against the Durham Coast League with the game to be played on the 22nd July 07

DECISION: The Secretary to retain a copy of the cup draw for future reference.

6. Finance

6.1

Peter Neale gave a report to the meeting of the financial matters of the League, noting expenditure in terms of AGM room hire, and printing costs. Predictable income was being explored through re-contacting previous handbook advertisers along with a potential new company involving Mark Ilott formally of Essex and England.

At the date of the meeting, the balance stood at: **£4270.57**

Peter was thanked for his report and there were no questions.

7. Election of Vice Chairman

7.1

Mike Smedley was proposed and voted as Vice Chairman of the MC

8. Appointment of Sub-Committees

8.1

Chairman of Disciplinary Committee	Mike Smedley
Chairman of Appeals Committee	Jim Garton
Selection Committee	Mike Smedley, Gareth Jones, Glenn Pym, John Heaman, Dean Graney + (captain)
Emergency Committee	Jim Garton, Peter Neale, John Heaman, John Leaning, Mike Smedley, Richard Martin and Gary France

9. Report of AGM and other meetings

9.1

The Secretary commented upon the lack of progress from the AGM on the proposed actions to improve the umpiring situation throughout the League. Some concerns were also expressed at the suitability of the Valley School in Worksop to hold the AGM due to significant changes to the buildings and limited parking spaces. A suggestion of using Cuckney CC for this meeting was made.

9.2

John Heaman and John Leaning outlined concerns in relation to League Rule 6.4 and its relevance. Some evidence to abandon the rule was suggested. The matter of clubs in the lower Divisions supplying umpires and yet often having no umpires allocated to their matches, was an ongoing concern. Many clubs had not returned their umpire's nomination forms, with currently there being less than 50 submitted, which was less than last year. The feelings and aspirations of umpires was an additional issue which the BDCL was asked to take into account. Ongoing support was anticipated from umpires within the Lincolnshire cricket leagues.

A total of 17 people had passed varying levels of umpiring examinations, with one person only being 12 years old.

The assessments of umpires was reverting to a computerised system, with various CRB checks being due for renewal, with supportive meetings already arranged. The March meeting of the Umpires Association would see David Shepherd a former international umpire, address that meeting.

9.3

Richard Martin updated everyone concerning a meeting of the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board Recreational Council on the 4th January 07. A vacancy on this Council had been filled by Graham Footitt. The Senior Cricket Committee is reviewing disciplinary actions, including:

- Drawing up a standard form which would include ALL clubs a player is a member of
- Improving the notification process

The Inland Revenue are currently examining clubs in the Premier League regarding the payment of players

Finally Richard Martin thanked all those people on the MC who had made arrangements for all clubs to make a donation to his retirement as Secretary

DECISION: The Secretary to include the matter of UMPIRES and all associated issues as an Agenda Item at the next meeting. The Secretary to make enquiries with Cuckney CC to hold the 2007 AGM.

10. Individual Prize Winners 2006

10.1

The Secretary stated that he still awaited the information from Andy Duckering to complete the list as stated at 4.4

DECISION: For information only

11. Fixture Secretary's Report

11.1

Bev Norris stated that the fixtures for the 2007 season for all Divisions was not yet complete. Twelve teams per Divisions was creating problems in relation to ground availability and insufficient fixture dates. The Constitution for 2008 needed to be discussed so that clubs would know exactly what they were playing for, with the suggestion of ten teams per Division being made.

DECISION: Bev Norris was asked to formulate a draft League structure for 2008 for a review at the March meeting.

12. Tomlins and Mallen Trophy Draw

12.1

18 Clubs had indicated that they wished to participate in the Tomlins Trophy for 2007 and the draw was made.

12.2

20 clubs had indicated that they wished to participate in the Mallen Twenty/20 Trophy for 2007.

DECISION: There would be four geographical zones created with five teams in each zone. The draw would then be made at the February meeting.

13. Annual Dinner

13.1

The Secretary stated that tickets for the event had been distributed by Richard Martin. The list of prize winners would be submitted to Bassetlaw Sports once Andy Duckering had completed the 2006 statistics.

DECISION: It was agreed that the following people would be invited as guests for the evening:

Derek Brewer, Les Jackson, Stuart Burrows, David Tighe, Eric Martin, Ron Goodley, Kevin Young, Jason Lennon (Workshop Guardian), Gordon Foster (Chad), Dale Kerruish (South region of Yorks CCC development), Arthur Whitehead, Paul Franks and Tony Wilkinson. Stephen Chalke was already confirmed as the guest speaker.

14. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th February 2007

15. Any other business

15.1

A promotional equipment package from Surridge had been received by the Chairman, promoting their brand of cricket balls.

DECISION: That the chairman would reply to the effect that the balls are being evaluated.

15.2

A request from 'CRICKETFIRST' by Charlie French to attend the next Management Meeting in February and give a brief presentation was agreed.

DECISION: The Secretary to make contact and include within next months agenda.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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